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SUBJ: MALI COMMERICAL CARGO-DAKAR STORAGE

REF: STATE 164756; DAKAR 4134

1. HAD INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION WITH DOUKARA REGARDING
PROBLEM OF 28,000 MTS CORN IN DAKAR.

2. I RAISED QUESTION OF CORN WITH DOUKARA, POINTING
OUT THAT IT WAS HIGHLY VULNERABLE TO RAIN, WAS CURRENTLY
IN OPEN AIR, AND THAT THERE WAS COVERED STORAGE AVAILABLE
IN SENEGAL, AND ASKED HIM WHAT GOM INTENTIONS
REGARDING THIS GRAIN WERE.

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3. DOUKARA SAID HE WAS FULLY AWARE OF THE PROBLEM AND

WAS HIGHLY CONCERNED ABOUT IT. NONETHELESS, HE SAID, HE HAD TO GIVE PRIORITY TO THE SHIPMENT OF DONOR SUPPLIED GRAIN, TO AVOID CHARGES OF DISCRIMINATION, WHICH APPARENTLY HE HAS RECEIVED, OVER COMMERICALLY PURCHASED MALI GRAIN. HE NOTED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT THE RAILROAD CAPACITY WAS LIMITED BUT HE SAID THAT IN FACT HE WAS TRYING TO EVACUATE THE CORN AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.

4. I AGAIN REFERRED TO THE AVAILABLE COVERED WAREHOUSE SPACE AND DOUKARA SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH THE SENEGALESE AUTHORITIES UTILIZATION OF A LARGE WAREHOUSE WHICH BADLY NEEDED REPAIRS, THAT REPAIRS WERE UNDERWAY AND THAT WHEN FEASIBLE HE WOULD STORE THE CORN IN THIS WAREHOUSE.

5. DOUKARA WAS IN A SOMEWHAT TESTY MOOD, APPARENTLY AS A RESULT OF VERY RECENT CONVERSATION HE HAD HAD WITH FAC REPRESENTATIVE HERE WHO HAD COMPLAINED ABOUT GOM DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE FRENCH COMMODITIES. IN SPITE OF DOUKARA'S EXPRESSED INTENTION TO UTILIZE "THE LARGE WAREHOUSE NEEDING REPAIRS", I DOUBT THAT HE INTENDS TO MOVE RAPIDLY TO PROTECT THE GRAIN IN QUESTION. CONSEQUENTLY, I SUPPORT RECOMMENDATION PARA 3 STATE 164756.
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